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the arch and hidden from view from the floor of the hall by massive and rich art plaster work. Against the wall all around the room are pilasters, corresponding to the enriched columns, and the spaces between the pilasters are wainscoted. The woodwork throughout is selected and quartered oak. Adjoining the main dining hall, and connected with it by four large double doors, is the auxiliary dining hall, where late dinners are served and where the overflow from the main hall in times of large gatherings can be accommodated in comfort. The main hall has not the appearance of a very large room, yet, if need be, 280 to 300 can be accommodated in it at one time and half as many can be looked after in the auxiliary room. The auxiliary room is finished in quartered sycamore, and its windows overlook a well-kept garden. The rooms are laid out with a view to the very best and quickest attention to the desires of guests.

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The bar is finished in mahogany and the walls are set with mirrors. The sideboard is one of the finest pieces of work of this sort ever produced by skilled cabinet makers, and one of the largest in the country. Cosy wine rooms surround the room, which has its main entrance on Merrick street. Lavatories finished in marble are on th right of the hall leading to the bar from the office, and at the end of the hall is the billiard room.

In re-modeling of the Hotel Royal close attention has been paid to the laying out, finishing and furnishing of the bedrooms. The floors are all hardwood and the carpets are rich and elegant. On the second floor are twenty large elegant rooms furnished with twin beds, the latest wrinkle from England, double and single beds, and with adjustable chairs, couches, divans and all other articles of furniture that go to promote luxury. Each of these rooms has a separate bathroom with enamelled porcelain baths and syphon closets. Each room has also the latest thing in clothes closets—a large corner closet,

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Up to the year 1669 no white man had ever set foot on the ground upon which Hamilton now stands. The mountain was crowned by a forest of magnificent pines, maples beeches, elms, and other stately trees, indigeneous to the country. The mountain side was covered by a tangled mass of growing and fallen trees, shrubs, vines and brambles so closely interwoven that but little of the rocky face of the escarpment was exposed to view. Where the city now stands the rich soil was thickly studded with gigantic trees, in the shade of which grew a jungle of underbrush, which kept the ground moist and marshy throughout the driest summer. The bay was then called Macassa (beautiful water) by the Indians. One day in September, 1869 some Indians who were encamped at the Burlington end of the Beach saw a strange sight. Coming over the lake from the direction of the great river that plunges over the mountain was seen a great ship of the pale face, with its sails spread to the gentle breeze. The great ship glided along parallel to the shore ,then steered into the natural canal near the northern end of

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the Beach, and which then connected the bay with the lake. On over the surface of the Macassa water went the great ship, until it finally stopped under the bluff on the south shore now known as Point Hill. The Indians noticed that the men in the great canoe were strange costumes, carried strange arms, and their faces were pale. It was Sieur de la Salle, and his adventurous company of explorers, and the great Frenchman's was the first white man's foot that ever trod upon the site of the Ambitious City. La Salle had started from Lachine with the avowed purpose of following the lakes and rivers until he reached the Pacific Ocean. He coasted along the southern shore of Lake Ontario, passed the Niagara river, came on west to the beautiful Macassa bay, and found that there was no thoroughfare to the Pacific in this particular direction. La Salle and his party landed at the spot upon which theGrand Trunk Station now stands, encamped upon the bluffs above, and proceeded to theenjoyment of the hunt. Game was very plentiful, and the adventurous Frenchman revelled for days on venison, grouse, duck and goose. La Salle was not favorably impressed with the soil. The mountain springs made it marshy, and the Indian grass grew tall and rank. Rattlesnakes swarmed everywhere, and the September mosquito—the smallest and most noisless and active of its species, caused much discomfort. During his stay La Salle followed up the course of a mountain torrent and found himself on the mountain top near the spot upon which the Mountain View Hotel now stands, and from which outlook he enjoyed the most glorious view the new world had afforded him. The French party's visit to Hamilton Bay resulted in nothing of consequence. La Salle made a remarkably inaccurate map, which was subsequently published by Father Galinee. La Salle and his voyageurs sailed away, and for nearly a hundred years the site of Hamilton saw white man no more.

The first white settler was Robert Land, a U. E. Loyalist, who came from Pennsylvania. He cleared and broke up a small patch of land and built for himself a homestead near the Land homestead on the east side of Wentworth street, north of Barton

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street. In 1813 George Hamilton, member of Parliament for the Gore District, laid out the nucleus of the present city in town lots, and the place was called after him. Ever since then Hamilton has been growing steadily, the present population being over 90,000. The area of the city is 7,500 acres, and the assessment is almost $60,000,000. It became a city in 1847, Colin C. Ferrie being the first Mayor.

Hamilton is known as the 'Birmingham of Canada," because of the large number of manufacturing establishments, employing thousands of men. The civic Government consists of a mayor, board of control, and sixteen aldermen. The city is represented by two members in the Dominion Government and two in the Legislature. The total debt is about 6,000,000, but the City has many valuable assets, owning and operating its own water system and having fine public buildings and schools. Recently the new Collegiate Institute, Technical School and Ontario Normal College were built. It was the first city in Canada to establish a system of sewage dsposal, and frequently deputations come here to see how Hamilton has solved the vexed problem. Hamilton has also taken the lead in the building of radial railways, four lines of electric railways running to neighboring towns. The building of these railways has been a great boom to business, the merchants benefiting to a great extent. Other lines are projected, and when they are completed Hamilton will have a network of radial railways stretching in all directions. Hamilton has direct connection with the Grand Trunk, C. P. R., T., H. & B. and M. C. Railways. In addition there is a steamship service between Hamilton and Toronto and Montreal. Lake Navigation has increased wonderfully in recent years, a large trade being done. Hamilton is the home of the Inland Lines, operating a fleet of lake steamers.

Hamilton boasts of its fire department, the best in Canada for its size; the police department, and its public buildings. It has a good trolley service. The city is well lighted by electricity supplied by the Cataract Power Company, and in the majority of

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Hamilton is justly pround of its military corps. The Thirteenth Royal Regiment is considered to be the crack regiment of Canada. The famous Thirteenth Band is known all over Canada and the United States. The Ninety-first Highlanders, popularly known as "the Kilties," in the picturesque and attractive uniform, adds diversity to the military corps of the city, while the guns are well represented by the Fourth Field Battery. In addition there is a cavalry corps known as the Second Dragoons. A magnificent new armory was recently completed, the old building being totally inadequate for its requirements.

Hamilton's financial and banking institutions are sound and are managed by shrewd and careful financiers. The Bank of Hamilton has a number of agencies throughout the Dominion.

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SCHOOLS.

The school system of Hamilton comprises the Public Schools, Collegiate Institute, Technical School and the Normal College. In the Public Schools there is an average attendance of 8,000 pupils and over 200 teachers. The schools are managed by a Board of Education, consisting of twenty members, fourteen of whom are elected by the people and six appointed by the Board of Aldermen. In addition to the Public Schools there are also eight Separate Roman Catholic Schools in Hamilton. The average number of pupils attending these schools is 2,000. A Ladies' School of high grade is also conducted by the Sisters of Loretto, and is held in high esteem. Besides the public schools of the City there are private institutions for commercial and business training, for art tuition, a Public Art School was founded in 1865, and today occupies premises in the Technical School which, for their equipment, are scarcely surpassed by any art school in America.

THE FUTURE OF HAMILTON.

The foregoing article deals only in a general way in a description of the City of Hamilton, and it remains now to add a few words concerning the future of the place which has, appropriately enough, been named the "Electric Hub of the Universe." It was some years ago that the transmitting of electric energy from Decew Falls to this city, a distance of about thirty-five miles, first came to the mind of gentlemen who

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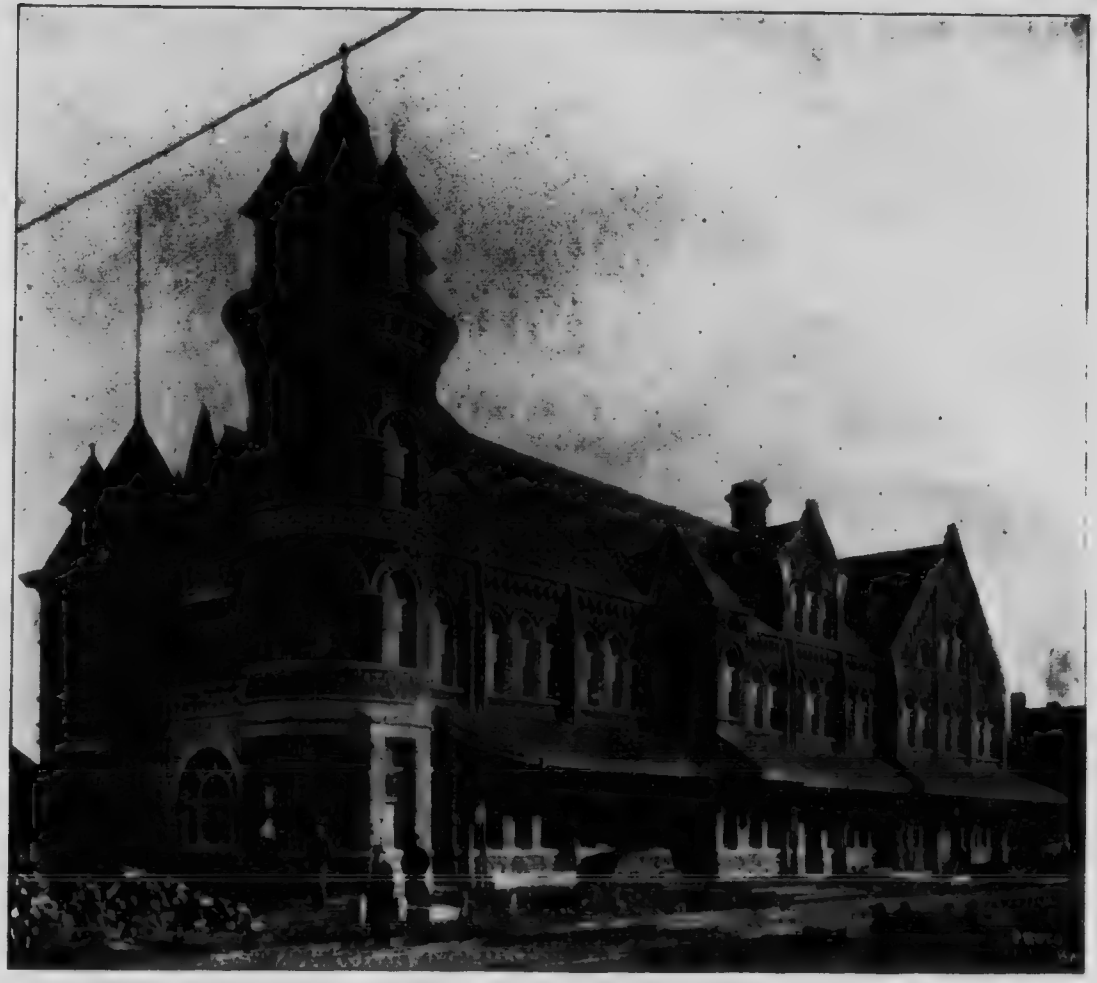

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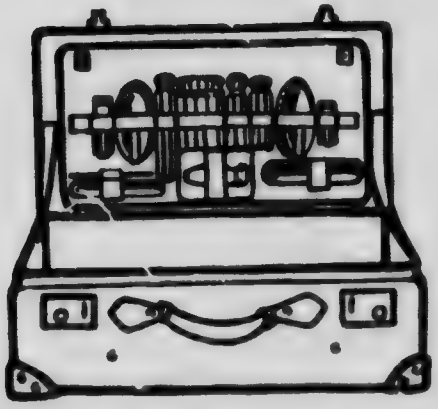

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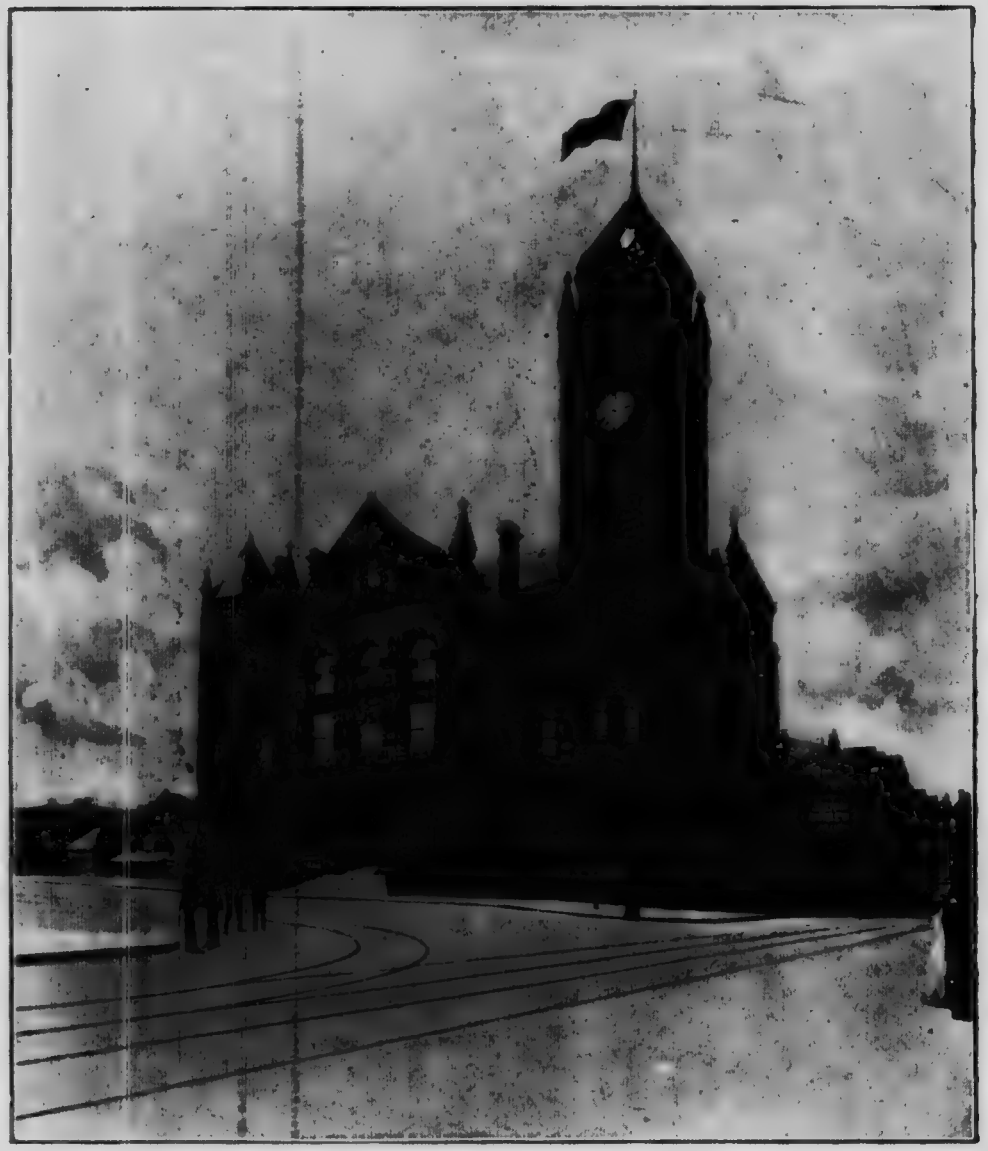

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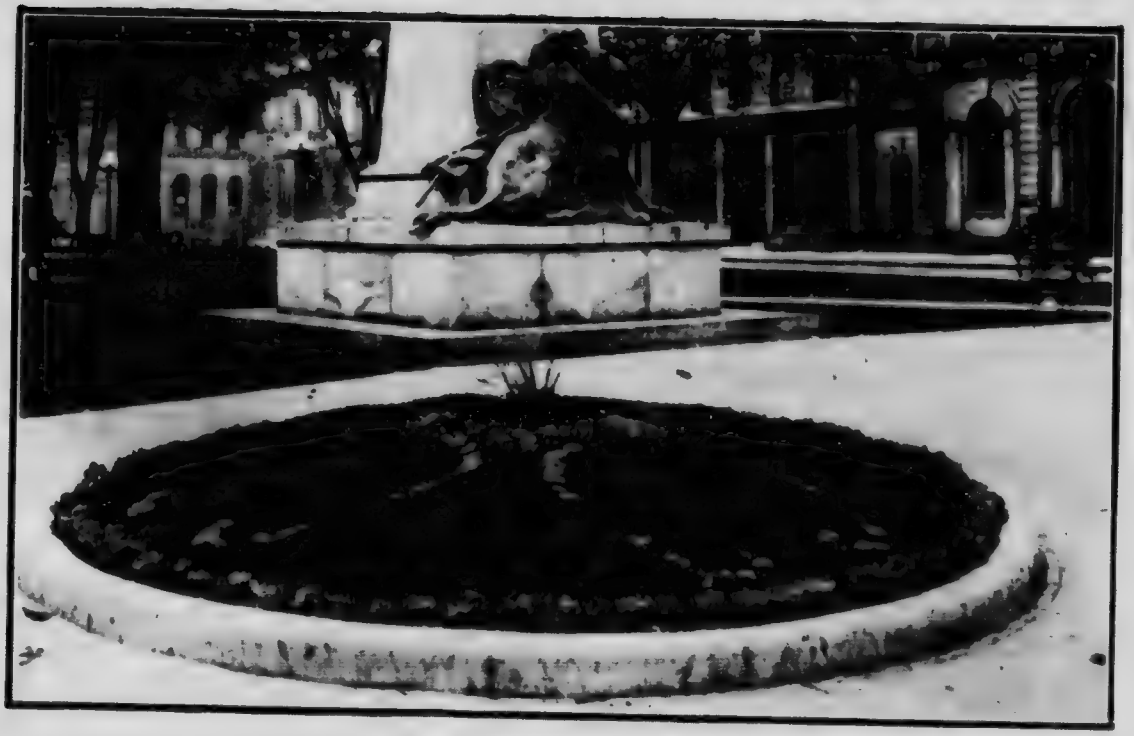

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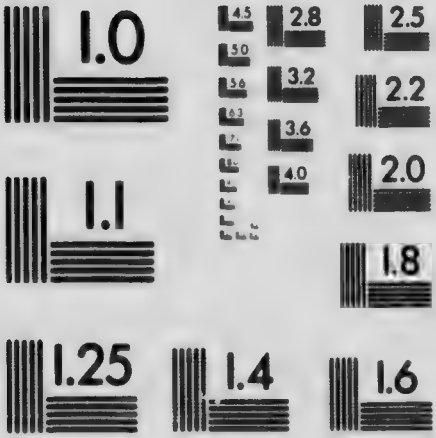

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